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## NATIVE NEWS

### SWAN HILLS PLANT: CONTROVERSY CONTINUES

by Brian Savage

There is growing public concern over the Swan Hills Special Waste Treatment Centre.

According to Brian Evans, Tory MLA for Banff-Cochrane, the Swan Hills plant is currently handling 6,000 tonnes of waste per year. On-going expansion will up that total to 14,000 tonnes per year.

The bad news, Evans says, is that "the break-even point is 40,000 tonnes."

One way fiscal responsibility may be gained, Evans suggests, would be the relaxation of laws imposing restrictions on bringing in toxic wastes from other provinces.

After the spill of PCBs from a truck in Ontario four years ago which was heading for the Swan Hills plant, Alberta closed its borders to outside waste.

The government may be moving to wipe out that restriction if statements by Environmental Minister Ralph Klein are any indication. According to the minister, the danger of PCBs has been greatly overblown by environmentalists. Klein even offered to take a bath in PCBs to show that they are safe, claiming it is only when heat is applied to PCBs that there is any jeopardy.

Arnie Bygate is President of Bow Valley Resources (BOVAR), the company that is in partnership with the province in the setting up of the Swan Hills Treatment Centre.

Speaking from the company's headquarters in Calgary, he called criticism of the Centre "politically motivated," and denied the charges of a "sweetheart deal" between his company and the provincial government.

There was a "negotiated rate of return substantially less than the US rate for treatment of similar waste, so it was essential the government backstop the system," said Bygate.

In defending the motives of the government, Bygate stated that since "private enterprise generates the waste, it should handle the operation to get rid of it."

John Kolkman, an NDP researcher, agrees that privatisation of the Centre was "a good idea, but it's nothing short of a scandal in the way it's being run."

"On an operating basis," said Kolkman, "the Centre continues to lose large amounts

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Alcohol and Drug Awareness Week: November 19-25

### LUBICONS ISSUE ULTIMATUM

Lubicon Chief Bernard Ominayak has delivered an ultimatum to the Federal Government to fully recognize the Band's rightful jurisdiction over their traditional territory. Failure to do so could result in the "removal" of Petro-Can and other oil projects as "unauthorized developments on unceded Lubicon territory."

In a letter sent recently to Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Ominayak charges, "In addition to Canadian Government efforts to publicly discredit the Lubicon people and tear Lubicon society apart, federally-owned Petro-Canada... has been conducting illegitimate oil development activities on unceded Lubicon land."

He further states that these activities have "caused great and irreparable damage to the traditional Lubicon economy and way of life" while violating Lubicon jurisdiction over their unceded territory.

Ominayak writes that although the Band cannot force the Canadian government to conduct its "affairs of state with decency, honour and integrity" they can and will enforce their jurisdiction over unceded Lubicon traditional territory.

The letter outlines that Petro-Can and its affiliates have "30 days to obtain retroactive operating permits and leases from the Lubicon people and to make arrangements for the payment of royalties on resources extracted - both past and future."

The Lubicons will establish a regulation agency to ensure that the companies are complying with "Lubicon environmental protection and wildlife management laws." The operating permits will be subject to cancellation for environmental violations.

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## TOO MANY UNCERTAINTIES ASSOCIATED WITH PULP MILLS

by Dale Stelter

Amongst the general public, there is a widespread feeling that Alberta has been "fast-tracked" into massive expansion and development of the forest industry, with very little foresight or planning. Indeed, while the government was strongly emphasizing the economic benefits that would arise from the development, it soon became evident that very little attention had been given to the environmental and social consequences.

So now, after the process is well underway, it is the public that is asking many of the proper questions, and searching for the answers.

Many of those questions are rooted in basic and fundamental issues that, if the whole process had been carried out correctly in the first place, should have been dealt with long ago.

For example, if the government had been concerned about the environmental consequences of the development, why did it not develop beforehand a comprehensive method or system of assessing those consequences?

Obviously, the system already in place was deficient, if Alberta Environment could determine 231 areas of concern in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) done on the proposed Athabasca pulp mill, to be constructed and operated by Alberta-Pacific.

Or, why is it only now that we are finding out that the two existing pulp mills on the Athabasca River are depleting the river's oxygen supply during critical winter periods? Even before three other mills, including the world's largest pulp mill, would be built on the river system?

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Why would the Alberta-Pacific mill, and the Diashowa mill near Peace River (which is already under construction), use the draft pulping process, which is known to produce cancer-causing dioxins, and which many people feel is becoming outdated?

Why have the voices of the Native groups and communities — in both Alberta and the Northwest Territories — who depend upon the Athabasca River and Peace River systems as sources of food and water, gone basically unheeded?

People are wondering why it is only now, many months after the announcement was made concerning the proposed Alberta-Pacific mill that public hearings are being held to get people's views about the environmental and social impacts of the mill.

And why, with any of the proposed projects, does the EIA process address the impact of the mill-site, but virtually ignore the impact of the harvesting operations?

How will those harvesting operations affect Natives who make their living through hunting, trapping and fishing? Why have traditional hunting lands of the Lubicon band been included in the area allocated to the Diashowa Forest Management Agreement, with no consultation of the Lubicons? Why has so little attention been given to the effects upon the land in the Swan Hills area that Natives have traditionally used for vision-quests?

These and scores of other questions are being asked by Native people.

The bottom line of the messages that are being delivered to the government is that no one — including the government — knows the consequences of this headlong rush into development of the province's forest resources in particular the consequences for the environment, and for Native people, whose lives are most closely linked to the environment.

The public is also stating, unequivocally, that until we are aware of, and well-informed about, all of those consequences, opposition will continue. If, in the end, some projects are stopped with a considerable waste of time and money, the government will have no one to blame but itself.

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# LETTER TO THE EDITOR

**Dear Editor and Readers:**

The time is fast approaching for a new national anthem. How much longer will we be able to sing "The True North strong and free"? Can we sing this in good conscience even now with our natural resources dwindling and our rivers no longer pollution-free?

Starting October 30, Northern Albertans and residents of the Northwest Territories



will "stand on guard" for the Athabasca, Peace and Slave Rivers and for large tracts of crown-owned forests in Northern Alberta at the Alberta-Pacific (ALPAC) EIA Review Board hearings. This is an overwhelming task for a sparsely populated region. These resources belong to all Canadians. We need your help.

Please write to the Review Board and give them your views on the "world's largest" bleached kraft pulp mill proposed for the farming community of Prosperity, County of Athabasca, Alberta. Outline your concerns about effluent damage to the river systems and the impact on our forests. And tell them what you want them to recommend to the Canadian and Alberta Governments.

Alternatively you may make a presentation in person at one of the hearings. Please call the Review Board (422-2549) for hearing locations and dates. You may either register in advance or just appear.

Here are some facts on the proposed ALPAC mill:

- Daily production: 1500 air-dried tonnes of bleached kraft pulp;
- There is no paper recycling component in the current mill proposal;
- Approx. 67,000 sq. km. of crown-owned aspen and spruce are involved;
- Persistent toxic organochlorines in the effluent will go into the Athabasca.
- A recent Alberta Environment report indicates that water quality is already seriously jeopardized by the 2 mills at Hinton and Whitecourt. Next year, 2 more mills are scheduled to start up.
- If approved, this will be the 5th mill in 500 km. of river.
- The Slave River faces a potential threat from the effluent from these mills and from the effluent that will flow into the Peace from mills at Grande Prairie and Peace River.

• ALPAC is owned by Crestbrook Forest Industries, Inc., which is 64% owned by Honshu Paper Co. and Mitsubishi Corp. of Japan.

• The Alberta government is to provide \$75 million for infrastructure and \$300 million in debentures for this mill.

*Send your letters to:*

Mr. G. J. DeSorey, Chairman, ALPAC EIA Review Board, Standard Life Building, 15th Floor, 10405 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 3N4,

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Hon. Lucien Bouchard, Minister of Environment, 28th Floor, 10 Wellington, Hull, Quebec K1A 0H3, and:

Hon. Ralph Klein, Minister of Environment, Legislature Building, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6.

Your letters must be postmarked no later than December 2, 1989, if they are to influence the Review Board's recommendations.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,  
Merilyn Peruniak  
Member, Friends of the Athabasca

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## NADC Public Forum

Rainbow Lake  
7:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 1989  
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The Northern Alberta Development Council holds regular public meetings throughout Northern Alberta, giving everyone the opportunity to present briefs on matters of concern and general information.

The Council consists of ten members and is chaired by Bob Elliott, M.L.A. for Grande Prairie

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# RALLY COMMEMORATES LUBICON BLOCKADE

by Dale Stelter

On Saturday, October 21, nearly 200 people gathered for a noon rally outside Canada Place in Edmonton, to commemo-

rate the first anniversary of the lifting of the Lubicon blockade at Little Buffalo Lake.

As a warm sun shone down from a clear sky, people carried signs saying "Mulroney Settle Now," and "Justice For The Lubicon." Banners proclaimed the support of the Lubicon from a number of groups, such as Friends of the North, the Mother Earth Healing Society, and Edmonton Working Women.

The event was opened by Bill Phipps, of the Edmonton Inter-Church Committee on the North, and the Friends of the Lubicon, two of the groups involved in the organization of the rally.

the Lubicon Lake Band, who said that although the Lubicons have tried to reopen discussions with the federal government, the government has not shown the political will to negotiate, and instead has tried to use the technique of divide and conquer.

Negotiations between the Lubicons and the federal government collapsed in January, when the government made a "take it or leave it" offer which the Lubicons found they could not accept.

The federal government has since established a new band, the Woodland Cree, whose membership includes Natives from six bands, including the Lubicons. Many



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Speakers included representatives from environmental groups and labour, and politicians such as Ross Harvey, New Democratic M.P. for Edmonton East, Ray Martin, leader of the Alberta New Democrats, and Nick Taylor, of the Alberta Liberal party.

Many of the speakers took direct aim at the federal government and Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, for unfair and unjust treatment of the Lubicons and Native people across Canada.

Peter Mahlangu, of the African National Congress, drew comparisons between the

situations faced by blacks in South Africa and by Natives in Canada.

The rally also featured songs by Laura Vinson and Kathleen Yearwood. The final speaker was Bernard Ominayak, Chief of

people have been surprised at the speed at which the new band was formed, and the extensive effort devoted by the federal government to forming the band.

Ominayak joined other speakers in criticizing Prime Minister Mulroney for boasting on the international stage about his stance on human rights while, in his own country, the desperate plight of Natives is allowed to continue.

Ominayak also said that the Lubicons have to "... get the message out to the public that this can't go on forever."

The issue of forestry development in Alberta, and its effect upon Native people, including the Lubicons, also received attention at the rally. Lorraine Sinclair, of the Mother Earth Healing Society, said that Native people have no say in what is happening to their land.

Traditional Lubicon hunting land has been allocated to Diashowa Canada Ltd. which is building a kraft pulp mill near Peace River. The Lubicons were not consulted about the allocations.

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# WAYNE MOBERLY INQUEST ADJOURNED

by Brian Savage

Questions revolving around the suicide of 16-year-old Wayne Moberly remain after the inquiry headed by Provincial Court Judge M. A. Porter was adjourned after two and a half hours of testimony.

Dr. Ray Tomlinson, social work dean at the University of Calgary and author of the report on the suicide of 17-year-old Richard Cardinal in 1984 has raised concerns over the failure of Wayne Moberly's social worker to be called to testify.

The person in charge of selecting witnesses to testify, lawyer Fran Zinger, denied any knowledge of Wayne Moberly's social worker. Sheena Ewen, the last social worker who dealt with Wayne, saw him at least twice a week.



The director of the Social Services Grand Cache office testified she never met Wayne and was familiar only with his file or from talking to people who had met him.

Bettie Hewes, Liberal MLA, criticized the inquiry for failing to call Wayne's social worker, calling it symbolic of the province's treatment of high-risk children.

Wayne's family past was troubled. He had been removed from his parents because of alcohol abuse in the family. As well, his older brother had killed himself eight years before and Wayne had gone missing for five months last year.

The suicide rate for natives is twice that of the national average. The majority of native suicides are in the 15 to 20 age group with males predominating by a three to one ratio.

Questions still unanswered focus on the

social worker, and how heavy that person's work load was at the time of Wayne's death; just how many social workers dealt with Wayne and with Wayne's past, how did he come to a foster home designed for "independent living."

Hewes, Liberal MLA for Edmonton-Goldbar had previously directed questions to John Oldring, Minister of Social Services, in the Legislature in June on whether or not the government had implemented the recommendations contained in the Tomlinson Report.

The Minister would not give specific examples of which recommendations were put in place after the Cardinal suicide, though he did accuse the opposition member of "stretching it" in comparing the Moberly case to the earlier case.

The Minister did say that the province was "fortunate to have some very well-trained individuals," who "face some very challenging choices and decisions on a daily basis." Mr. Oldring went on to state he thought the people involved in the Moberly case had given "extra commitment" to the situation.

In an interview, Hewes states that the Moberly death "should and could have been avoided. We were given all the signals, all sorts of clues."

Hewes was cautious in her criticism of social workers. They have to deal with some "extraordinary circumstances," and need "special" temperaments and training. They are also "overworked and overburdened."


Still, Hewes is concerned that the Tomlinson Report, "which made very sensible recommendation for intervention," has not been fully implemented, and this may be reflected in the Wayne Moberly case.

"For high-risk cases, a special mechanism is needed," says Hewes, to identify and help the person so designated. This would involve "special methodology" and a team to assist the youth in coping with their situation.

"It's difficult to comment on this," acknowledged

Hewes, "without blaming the social workers, but you have to remember they are working under very difficult situations."

At this time, there is no date for reconvening the inquiry.



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If you are unable to attend any of the hearings, written submissions are welcomed and will be fully considered.

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Nov. 8	Beaver Lake	Mt. Mansel Hall
Nov. 9	Fort Chipewyan	Community Hall
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by Heather Andrews

"It is imperative to keep Native foster children involved with their culture," states Doris Calliou of the Alberta Foster Parents Association. "We urge our non-Native foster parents to ensure the children have plenty of opportunity to participate in events where Indian people are present," she continues. Calliou is the Native representative for one of six chapters of the Association, which

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be comfortable with their heritage and who they really are," Calliou concludes.

Statistics concerning Native foster children and foster parents are hard to come by. The percentage of Native kids is high, but what is not considered in the figures, are the homes where aunts or grandparents are raising family members.

Traditionally, Native people have looked after their own children and any others needing homes and this is still often the case.


"As well, Native couples are often reluctant to come forward because they have been judged differently from non-

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## DAISHOWA CANADA CO. LTD. PEACE RIVER PULP DIVISION

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Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. is currently completing the construction of a 100 tonne per day bleached hardwood and softwood kraft pulp mill some 17 kilometers north of the Town of Peace River. The Peace River Pulp Mill is planned to start operating in July of 1990. The Environmental Impact Analysis for the project was completed in the spring of 1989 and approved by Alberta Environment in June of 1988. Applications for permits to construct under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts were submitted in April, 1988 and the permits to construct were issued by Alberta Environment in June, 1988.

Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. has recently submitted its applications for licences to operate under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts to Alberta Environment. As part of its ongoing program of public information, Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. is now making copies of its applications for licences to operate available for review by interested members of the public in the following locations:

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Daishowa Canada Co. Ltd. is also planning to hold a supplemental information meeting to further inform the public on the progress of construction of the pulp mill; to review the contents of the applications for licences to operate; and to make senior company officials and consultants available to answer any questions the public may have with regard to the applications. The public meeting will be held in the Travelers Motor Hotel Ballroom, Town of Peace River, at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 1989. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend.

For further information on the location of the applications for licences to operate under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts and on the public meeting please contact:

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operates across Alberta. "Often the youngsters will tell their foster parents they don't want to be involved," Calliou adds. "They've been through some rough times in their short lives, and been laughed at for being Native."

But foster parents must continually encourage attendance at Indian-related functions. "Not just pow-wows and 'showy' exhibitions," she explains, "but places where they can meet successful Native people who can become their role models."

"Children who have been in non-Native foster homes have lost touch with their roots. They've got to

Native foster parents," Calliou adds. "That's changing now. They would find a real welcome if they'd come forward now," she states, explaining that the change has come about because of increased awareness and tolerance on the part of government officials.

Jack Flaherty, Executive Director of the Association agrees. "We hope to work with the Department of Social Services in the selection process of foster homes," he says. "And we're encouraging Native people to be involved too. We need their input to suggest field trips like Head-Smashed-In Buffalo Jump in southern Alberta."

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# NEW HORIZONS

by Del Louis



I was recently at a coffee shop, listening intently to a conversation about Canada in general and its state of affairs. My mind travelled back to a time of freedom and all its beauty. The 'First People' lived a way of life in tune with the Universe around — sustained by a Higher Order for survival.

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As time passed a deadly disease crept in the minds of men who would be free. They became caught in a web of 'offerings' in return for the priceless commodity known as real estate. The trade-off continues.

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denoted by history as 'renegades.' Men who foresaw the tragedy of 'dependency' were hunted like animals. Some fought for freedom, most turned to an easier, softer way.

So the advent of civilization crept into the very heart of humanity, the 'self' and the family.

Erosion of self-sufficiency dictated the style of livelihood.

Dependant upon 'gifts' and promises of perpetual 'help' it stung into the very heart and soul of almost every Native person and the sons and the forefathers of this New Land.

But our people are survivors. We are still here. We were to have died helpless with no trace. Bones scattered far and wide in this Free land to be unearthed some day in the future as the people that

disappeared with no apparent reason. To be muled over by archeologists and paleontologists and many more 'gists' of the present time.

Today is a new day, and a good day at that!

Our culture, traditions and colour and the inherent beat of the drum lies within. Our way of life is admired and sought after by many who would be free.

They come in droves to our celebrations, they mingle and want so much to be near us, to talk to us, to live with us. They speak our languages, they adopt our costumes and they wear our jewellery. They commercialize our spiritual ways. They name vehicles after the proud and free leaders of our people. Ask yourself, "Should it be that way?"

Let us begin to take advantage of Us! We have it all! All five senses and a Higher Essence to guide us!

Let us take back our wealth that is rightly ours and claim independence!

Let us stamp out dreaded diseases contaminated to us by our European landlords. The diseases being "grout"itis, "give me"itis and "you owe it to us"itis. Nobody owes us anything, it is ours as well as theirs.

The day has arrived that we roam freely on this planet clearly marking the spot where we have reached our goals and set new ones. Every profession will be represented by our people. We owe it to ourselves and to our children.

The world goes on...

Each day brings excitement creating new and better ways to utilize this vast and breathless beauty. There is enough for everyone.

Open the vault that leads to wealth and success. Remember success begins within, material wealth is only the desert. Let moderation be the key that opens the door to opportunities. Put on the armour of self-confidence and pride in 'self'. Give thanks and ask for guidance and just as

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Details of dates and specific meeting locations will be advertised locally close to each meeting date. Individuals or organizations from areas where no hearings are scheduled are invited to attend a public hearing at the most convenient location.

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# LEGENDS

## Napi, the Ground Squirrels and the Bobcat

by William Singer III  
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Napi came upon a place where many ground squirrels were playing. He saw one of the squirrels crawl into the hot ashes

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Napi asked if he could play in the game. "Come Napi," said the squirrels, "and play with us."

"Only if you bury me first," said Napi. So the squirrels buried Napi in the hot ashes.

No sooner had the squirrels covered him with the hot ashes when he started whistling. They quickly pulled him out.

"Now it is your turn," Napi told the squirrels. All the squirrels got in the ashes except one mother. She was afraid and really didn't trust Napi.

"Go then," Napi told the mother squirrel, "so there will be other squirrels."

Soon the squirrels began to whistle, but he left them in the ashes until they roasted. He then ate as many of the roasted squirrels as he could.



Being so full of food he fell asleep.



Meanwhile along came a bobcat and ate the rest of the cooked squirrels.

When Napi finally woke up, he became very angry. Somebody had eaten his food! He followed its tracks and soon came upon the animal that ate his food. It was the bobcat. Napi took the bobcat by the ears and hit his face against a stone. He broke his tail off and made it bobbed at the end. He then stretched his legs and body. This made the bobcat long and slender. When Napi finished with the bobcat he told him, "from this day on, you bobcats will always look this way."



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# DRUGS and ALCOHOL

## Breaking the Addiction Cycle

### WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET: A Good Example Provides Proper Prevention

by Jack Cooper

Gerald spoke with a saddened voice as we contemplated life over a cup of coffee in a local cafe. He reflected his thoughts to me—thoughts that said life could and would have been different had he received the guidance he needed in his early years.

"Things would have been so much different," he said thought-

conclusions for themselves.

"Mydad and mom," said Gerald, "now that I think back, were real partiers. I guess that's okay, but I think they could have been a little more moderate with their good-times and a little more conscious about the affect their parties would have on us kids."

had my first toke at home and my first drink before my twelfth birthday."

Social Services' workers say that this drug and alcohol experimentation starts as a "monkey-see-monkey-do" situation. The problem becomes greater as the youth gets older. Bad habits are hard to break; in fact these

are often linked to alcohol and drug use and dependency. Peer pressure and the willingness to "go along with the crowd" create blinkers that may never provide true sight of the real problems.

A survey done last year by Native Counselling Services of Alberta (NCSA) indicates that over eighty percent of family breakdowns and fifty percent of criminal charges involve alcohol or drugs. Of the three areas surveyed (Lethbridge, Slave Lake, Wetaskiwin) the latter provided evidence that more than fifty percent of drug and alcohol abusers were "severely addicted." Slave Lake showed that thirty percent of criminal activity among youth was a direct result of alcohol use. Lethbridge showed a higher rate of fifty percent and Wetaskiwin exceeded eighty-five percent.

Sources indicate that during the 1988/89 year, over three and a half million dollars will be spent on addiction services. The most devastat-

ing statistic shows that over half of the total amount spent goes to addiction services used by Native Albertans.

NCSA's "Family Life Improvement Program" is a project that is designed to help focus on re-establishing the family unit. The corporation offers a ten week training program (workshops) that is geared to parenting skills, problem solving and improving self-esteem. The program offers films, lectures and group discussions with the emphasis put on group participation.

Regardless of the programs and the courses designed for helping youth and their families, the main thrust for cure must come via prevention in the home environment. After all, if parents are showing their kids how to drink and how to buy and smoke pot it only stands to reason that they will follow suit.

Drug and alcohol abuse is a serious problem in our communities. Do your part to create a better future for your children. Choose your lifestyle carefully and lead by example.



fully, a frown on his face, a reminiscent tear in his eye.

"I never really understood what a birthday was or what Christmas really meant. In fact, until I was about twelve years old I figured these special times were especially designed for drinking and toking and having a good time, without having to worry about getting up for work the next day."

Gerald is not alone. Many Native children find themselves introduced to alcohol and drugs long before they can talk and long before they are able to form intelligent

Gerald's dad and mom were open in their vices and never made any attempt to conceal their habits: good or bad.

"As kids we were never told that drinking was bad for you or that smoking dope was illegal or anything. In fact, I

habits often lead to more and more self-abuse. Personal problems and conflicts within the community and family are often "resolved by" the use of alcohol and/or drugs. Frustration and self-doubt as well as "measuring up"

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# INTERVIEW WITH A POUNDMAKER-NECHI COUNSELLING TRAINER

by Dale Stelter

Harold Tookenay is a trainer at the Nechi Institute, which provides instruction for counsellors at Poundmaker Lodge, a treatment centre for Native people troubled by alcohol and drug abuse-related problems.

Harold has worked at the Nechi Institute for four years, and before that worked at Poundmaker's Lodge as a counsellor for one year. In a recent in-

terview, Harold talked about a wide range of issues concerning alcohol and drug abuse. Condensed portions of the interview follow.

**ANN:** What are some of the factors that lead to alcohol and drug addiction?

**Harold:** The basis of any addiction is that it makes you feel good. Many people get involved with drugs and alcohol because they feel they don't measure up as a human

deeper and much more powerful.

One of the things we as counsellors have to do is pay attention to our own limitations, and recognize that we can't do everything for our clients. There are other resources here in Edmonton that we can use.

**ANN:** How long does the recovery process take?

**Harold:** Recovery is an ongoing process, and never stops. I think in most cases, the first part that begins to recover is the physical part, as a person notices that his or her body feels so much better.

But that is only one part of the process. There's the emotional level - what you're feeling, and what's inside of you. There are mental aspects, as to what you're thinking and learning. And there is the spiritual level, where you get in touch with your spirituality as a human being.

That is very much what the recovery process is all about - the holistic approach.

There have been many people who have physically sobered up, but really didn't do anything about the mental, emotional, and spiritual parts.

**ANN:** What part does Native culture play in the treatment program used at Poundmaker's Lodge?

**Harold:** The resident elder co-ordinates cultural activities at the Lodge. We also have sweat-lodges once a week, and we have the sweetgrass ceremony every morning.

I think the majority of the people coming here get involved with that, because it's getting in touch with their cultural past and cultural heritage again. For many of them, it feels much more comfortable to be involved in their own culture and spirituality. This can prompt them to shift their beliefs and values and attitudes about themselves as individuals. Then they can look toward the future with more hope.



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being. They may want to do something about the pain inside, but often they don't feel they can, so they use drugs and alcohol to feel better.

**ANN:** What techniques do counsellors use in the treatment programs?

**Harold:** Part of the recovery process is to get in touch with the pain that's inside and deal with it. The basic thing that happens in counselling is that one person talks, and the other person listens. If someone's in pain, they'll begin talking about the experience that's causing that pain. The second

person listens, and validates that person's feelings, and helps them move through the pain that they're experiencing.

There are different levels of counselling. A lot of the techniques come in when you do more in-depth therapy with people. For instance, if someone has been sexually abused, you have to really know what you're doing, in terms of where that person is in terms of recovery, and how much they're willing to share about that violation that they underwent. In these cases, the therapy is much

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# Dear Diary: I NEED HELP

by Stella Renquet

Family abuse is often a result of the feelings of "failure" - failure drowned by alcohol and by ignorance. Alcohol to eliminate the pressures of success, and the ignorance of not knowing how or where to turn for help. Physical abuse, once started, is extremely difficult to stop. Professional counselling is required in most cases. The following story is true. Names and places have been changed. Is it happening to you? If so, seek help immediately.

Today, I write from the city's Women's Shelter.

It is Sunday. It is the day that would have been peaceful in our family setting at home.

Sunday is the only day of the week that Dave (my husband) doesn't drink. It's a day that sometimes we even get to enjoy. Dave's dad always comes over on Sunday - I guess that's probably really why he doesn't get liquored up.

But today I have to find peace for myself and for our son, Jason. I can no longer hide from Dave - nor can I pretend it's "going to get better" anymore. Because now I know, it won't work. At least not without help from a professional.

Dave has gotten beyond control. This past week was probably the worst I've ever spent with him.

You know the story, Dear Diary. The drinking after work with his bar-sitting buddies. The "just a few beers" turning into late night sessions. The verbal fighting, the headaches, the sickness in the morning. Then worse. He couldn't get up in the morning.

A few months back he came home late and drunk. Our conversation started to turn nasty so I decided to go to bed. Dave said he wanted to sit alone for a while. I went to bed and a restless sleep.

It was forty minutes later when I suddenly awoke. I sniffed the air.

Smoke! I ran into the living room and saw the billowing clouds of smoke erupting like puffy volcanos. He'd fallen asleep on the couch and his cigarette had fallen onto the sofa. I yelled at him to wake up and I yelled at him for falling asleep with a cigarette in his

into a stupor again. I couldn't believe it. He'd almost burned us out of house and home and he was too drunk to do anything but hit me.

Of course, the next day he was truly apologetic. But, it didn't stop his drinking. In fact, his

anger, red and mean, yelling to me that he'd do whatever he liked, whenever and to whomever. He let me go. Then he left the house - the car roaring down the street.

I cleaned the place up, comforted Jason, then went to bed, praying that he'd not come home tonight. The bruises and bumps on my head and neck ached for days.

Dave never broached the subject again, nor did he apologize for his actions. I was too afraid to say anything. Again, I hoped it would pass.

Like I said, there's been other times but this past week has been the worst and last night, well, that was the last straw.

Arriving late, and half stewed, Dave demanded that I cook him steak and eggs - which I did, of course. But I made yet another mistake. The steak was overdone and not pinkish like he wanted. One of the eggs had broken too. He doesn't like that at all.

Again the plate went flying, only this time it was directed

at me. Then he was on me - pushing, slapping, hitting until I fell the few steps into the living room. He pounced on me like a cat would to a small mouse. He punched me in the face and in the belly. I screamed a few times. Jason awoke

and came into the room. He jumped on his daddy's back and yelled "leave her alone!" Dear God, I will never forget it. Dave turned suddenly and grabbed Jason. He threw him, our seven year old

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hands. He jumped up and staggered around in confusion. He walked over to me and slapped me hard in the face. He grabbed me and kept slapping me on the sides of my head. Finally, I was limp with fear. I fell to the floor. Then he sat in the recliner chair and hung his head. Crying, I got up and threw the cushion and pillow out the front door into the snow. I opened the doors and windows in order to let the smoke escape.

My eyes and cheeks turned black and blue and I cried and cried. I threw some water on the couch to stop the smouldering. Dave had lolled off

drinking got worse and so did his temper.

Shortly after the couch-burning incident Dave came home earlier than usual - but he was fouler than ever. He didn't like having fish for supper so he threw his entire plate, food and all, onto the floor. The plate smashed and food spattered everywhere. I remember saying "what's wrong with you." Jason started to cry. Dave grabbed me by the throat and banged my head against the cupboard, choking me, hitting my head over and over again.

Choking and choking, Jason crying and screaming. Dave's face contorted in

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# TIME TO PAY THE PIPER

by Jack Cooper

Cocaine, marijuana, speed and pills, Oh, I thought it such a thrill. Whiskey, rum, vodka and gin Slopping down my drunken chin. Oh, what a life it's been. Now it's time to pay the piper.

Travelling to the bar each day Throwing hundreds of dollars away, Throwing and joking with my friends totally oblivious to what I'd spend. I've set a very foolish trend Now it's time to pay the piper.

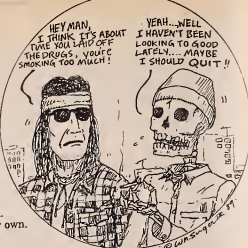
Each day from noon 'til early morn Smoking and snorting and sipping corn, Playing cards and tossing the dice Never a thought for my kids or wife—

Those most important to my life. Now it's time to pay the piper.

And like a great many of you I acted the part of a total fool, My bills not paid; life so bad, Abusing myself — giving up what I had, And though I'm sad, I know others are glad That now I must pay the piper.

It was Saturday night just last week A little snow made the pavement sleek, At three a.m. I'm driving home

Across the white line I roam. Three are dead; no fault of their own. Now I must pay the piper.



Don't drink and drive, stay alive! Look after your home and your life. Take care of those kids and wife. Cause if you don't they'll soon be gone And while you wonder what went wrong The law will come along — And you too will pay the piper.

## Dear Diary:

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my son's head lolled to one side. His unbelieving and horror-stricken eyes looked at me with great fear. I crawled to him and lay beside him.

Dave left again, screaming that he didn't have to put up with this. Catching my breath, I checked Jason and discovered that he had a broken arm. I cried, called a cab, and sped to the emergency door of the nearest hospital.

While the doctor put a cast on Jason's arm,

I made enquiries about a women's shelter.

The police came first. I was so scared I didn't tell them anything. I said we'd had an accident.

A lady named Mary came to pick us up. It was 3:30 in the morning. She brought us here to the shelter. I put Jason to bed. Mary and I talked for awhile and she made us some hot milk. I took a couple of aspirin and went to bed. We both slept for hours. In fact, I

can't remember the last time I slept so good.

It's peaceful here. We need some peace right now, but I know soon I'll have to make a home for Jason and myself. He's been through a lot these past few years.

But it will happen no more! I won't allow myself to go through it again. All of Dave's apologies, pleas, and promises to change will never happen if he won't see a counsellor—and he won't. How else will he be able to straighten himself out and get better control over himself? I know it will be hard on all of us but I am determined to be strong.

One day at a time. Today is healing time.

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If Dave gets proper treatment, maybe we'll give it another shot.



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# FEDS SAY NO TO PULP MILL PROPOSAL

by D. Moser

Ottawa is not approving the proposal by Alberta-Pacific Forest Industries to build a \$1.3 billion pulp mill on the Athabasca River. Robert Lane, director of Environment Canada Protection Services in Fort McMurray made his statement during Day 2 of the public



hearings into the environmental impacts of the proposed Athabasca pulp mill. "It is recommended the concerns and information deficiencies be addressed before consideration is given to recommending approval of the development," he said. Lane also stated that "there is insufficient information at this time to assess fully the environmental impacts and the cumulative impacts resulting from proposed and existing mill developments of the Peace and Athabasca River systems."

Environmentalists and Native groups are pleased with Environment Canada's tough stand on the seven proposed pulp mill projects. Many are optimistic that the federal position could impede the Alberta government's plans to go ahead with the massive forestry projects.

Robert Cree, President of the Athabasca Tribal Council, addressed the 8-member review board on the first day of the public hearings saying "The conduct of Alberta-Pacific and the Alberta government to date has given us little reason to believe they will fully address our environmental and socioeconomic concerns."

The five bands making up the Athabasca Tribal Council are concerned about the effects of the bleach kraft mill on the ecosystem of the area. "We are mainly concerned about the wildlife, the habitat, the fish and how it may all be destroyed by pollution," Cree said.

Many Native groups are opposed to the Alberta-Pacific mill, for a number of reasons. These include the potential threat to the water quality of the Athabasca River system, which is an important source of food and water for many Native communities. As well, logging operations would disrupt the lifestyle of Natives who make a living through hunting, fishing and trapping.

The Alberta-Pacific Environment Impact Assessment Review Board, a joint federal-provincial body, has completed its scheduled hearings in Fort McMurray and moves on to Janvier (November 1).

The review board will hold hearings in 11 communities to assess the environmental impact of the proposed pulp mill developments in Northern Alberta.

These communities include: Lac La Biche (November 3 and 4), Beaver Lake (November 8), Fort Chipewyan (November 9), Fort Smith, N.W.T. (November 15 and 16), Athabasca (November 17, 18, 20 and 21), Fort Resolution, N.W.T. (November 22), Prosperity (November 23 and 24, December 1 and 2), Wabasca-Desmarais (December 5) and Edmonton (date to be announced).

Environment Minister Ralph Klein reversed his original position on the Alberta-Pacific pulp mill hearing sites and has now scheduled hearings in Edmonton.

Klein left Edmonton off the list of communities in which the hearings would be held, saying that including the major cities would just delay the process. He had also remarked that thousands of environmentalists had travelled to a rally opposing the Oldman Dam and travelling to one of the Northern hearing sites was no different.

The exclusion was met with outrage from opposition critics and environmentalists and just four days before the hearings were to commence, Klein changed his mind. "I'm allowed to change my mind and be flexible and to listen to all sides of the story," he said.

Klein further explained, "While the hearings have been established to give those directly impacted an opportunity to further comment on the mill proposal, it is increas-

ingly apparent that Edmontonians feel they, too, are impacted."

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# TRAPPER AID BALANCE IN NATURE

by Heather Andrews

Animal species produce more young than their habitat can support. Native people have recognized this fact for generations. The aboriginal hunter lived off the land, seeing the surplus as a gift and using it wisely. He took only what he needed to survive.

Today many people still enjoy the traditional lifestyle of trapper. Individual harvesting territories are established and the levels of animal populations in each area are watched closely. Trappers often protect the animals from themselves, as in the case of the beaver, who has a high

quotas are lowered.

As well as aiding in the balance in nature, trapping is vital to the economy of the Canadian north. As a renewable resource when handled carefully, trapping supports many families through the winter months when there is little alternative employment available. While the men tend their traplines, the women-folk sew fur trim - ermine or rabbit - on hand-crafted garments such as muk-luks and slippers, or sew entire pelts together, as in the case of the Arctic Ground Squirrel, to make warm robes and parkas.



reproductive rate and few natural enemies. Left unchecked, overly large beaver colonies can actually destroy their habitat. Sometimes their dams flood nearby roads and cultivated fields, and well meaning municipal officials or farmers wreak further destruction by dynamiting the offending colonies.

Populations of wild animals fluctuate in a cycle set by the snowshoe hare. This popular animal is food for virtually all predators including lynx, fisher, marten, coyote, hawk, and human. Every eight to 11 years, hare populations peak and as a result numbers of other wild animals increase too. Careful management by hunters and trappers helps eliminate the excess. Quotas in years of high numbers are increased; when the cycle is reversed and populations of various species are low, the

Many trappers work in summer months for wages as guides for hunters and fishermen, in the logging industry, or as fire fighters. All are glad, however, when they can return to their traplines again late in the fall, enjoying the security, independence and outdoor lifestyle, which only trapping can give them.

Trapping brings Native people more than pelts. The value of the meat obtained from trapping may sometimes exceed the dollars realized from the furs. Almost all the meat is used by the trapper: meals for his family, food for his dogs, or for bait in the traps.

As well, trappers recycle the dollars earned by the sale of pelts. At the beginning of every trapping season, cash registers all over northern Canada ring up purchases of rifles, ammunition, radios, snowmobiles, clothing, traps and food supplies.

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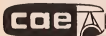
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# ENVIRONMENTAL DIGEST

By Dale Stelter

## MILITARY FLIGHTS COULD AFFECT ENDANGERED SPECIES

Low-level military training flights, scheduled to begin in the Northwest Territories by as early as November of this year, could have negative impacts on some endangered wildlife species.

An environmental evaluation stated that the flights - which would begin northeast of Great Slave Lake and end at CFB Cold Lake in Alberta - could negatively affect the breeding habits and migration of whooping cranes, peregrine falcons, and wolves, as well as caribou, elk, moose, muskox, and other species.

The evaluation was conducted in 1987 by a Vancouver-based consortium. The Native community of Snowdrift plans to take the federal government to court to stop the flights, and has the support of Dene and Metis leaders in the Western Arctic.

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According to a recent poll conducted by the Angus Reid Group, only slightly more than half of Canadian adults believe at least some of the statements made by federal and provincial environment ministers and bureaucrats. Only 16% of the adults polled believe most of what provincial environment ministers say.

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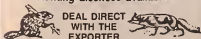
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# BOREAL CIRCLE SOCIETY HOLDS PULP MILL FORUM

by Dale Stelter

On October 18, the Boreal Circle Society held a forum at the Provincial Museum, entitled "Forestry Development in Northern Alberta: Balancing the Interests."

The Boreal Circle Society is a group formed in association with the Boreal Institute for Northern Studies, to further the awareness of the northern character of Canada. Its objectives include providing a focal point for community interest in the North, and acting in the preservation of heritage resources of the North.

The forum featured presentations by a three-member panel, and then a question and answer period involving members of the audience. The panel members included:

- Dr. Michael Percy, Professor of Economics and Adjunct Professor of Forest Economics, from the Department of Rural Economy at the University of Alberta;

- Dr. Bruce MacLock, Director, Alberta Environmental Planning Division, and President of the Canadian Water Resources Association;

- Mr. Jerome Slavik, Barrister and Solicitor,

and consultant to several Native bands from northern Alberta, of the firm Ackroyd, Piasta and Lennie.

Harold Cardinal, Executive Director of the Aboriginal Resource Development Group, was scheduled to be a panel member but was unable to attend the forum.

Dr. Percy gave the first presentation, and indicated that there is a shortage of accurate data with which to evaluate the economic viability, social impacts, and environmental impacts of the forestry development projects proposed by the Alberta government. Dr. Percy also said that despite the image being put forth by the government that everyone will benefit from the development, there will be losers, such as people who depend upon hunting, trapping, and fishing for their economic livelihood.

In the next presentation, Dr. MacLock indicated that even at present, Alberta Environment has very meagre resources with which to assess the environmental issues

surrounding the proposed forestry projects. He acknowledged that groups from the Northwest Territories, including Natives who are concerned about the effects of toxins upon fishing resources, have also expressed their concerns regarding the projects to Alberta Environment.

Mr. Slavik stated that the Alberta government has taken a haphazard approach to the proposed development, characterized by a lack of coherent planning, with the result that there are deficiencies within the legislative and regulatory framework that applies to the projects. Mr. Slavik also said that very little attention has been paid to the socio-economic effects of the projects upon Native people.

Questions from the audience focussed mainly upon the impact of the proposed forestry development upon various components of the environment. The answers from the panel members indicated that such question should have been answered before the development was undertaken, and that the answers to many of the questions are not yet known.



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# ENDANGERED WILDLIFE

By Dale Stelter

## The Grizzly Bear

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At one time, the fearless and often unpredictable grizzly roamed across much of the North American continent. Its range extended west from Manitoba and the Mississippi river, and to Alaska in the north, and Mexico in the south.

That began to change with the coming of the Europeans. As more and more land was converted to agricultural purposes, the grizzly was relentlessly hunted, trapped, and poisoned, mainly by farmers and ranchers who viewed the grizzly as a serious

threat to their cattle and sheep. Often, however, such threats were unsubstantiated since the grizzly, as an omnivore, is also a scavenger. Thus, when a carcass bore signs of grizzly feeding,

the bear may have in fact been scavenging on an animal that had died due to natural causes, or been killed by another predator. At the same time - in an ironic twist highlighting white society's ignorance of environmental processes and interrelationships - as the bison were slaughtered on the Great Plains, the grizzlies, which preyed on the bison, sometimes did turn to cattle as a substitute. This, of course, caused the farmers and ranchers to increase their efforts to eradicate the bears.

Today, the range of the grizzly is restricted to Alaska, and to the Rocky Mountain regions, mainly in national parks in Canada and the United States. East of the Rockies, the grizzly is found in Canada only in the Swan Hills area of Alberta, and on the barren grounds of the Northwest Territories. In Mexico, the grizzly may now

be extinct.

supply, one animal may claim a territory of up to 70 square miles. As a result, many grizzlies are forced outside of the parks, where they face a long list of threats, including hunters and poachers, logging, agricultural operations, poison baits set for other predators, and oil, gas, and mining operations. In the Swan Hills area, increased forestry operations could also pose a threat.

The grizzly's plight is complicated even further by the increase in public visitations to national parks, which have caused a resulting increase in grizzly-human encounters, and by pressure for development of tourist and recreation facilities within the parks.

Even in its last refuge then, the grizzly is being displaced by human beings - many of whom, ironically, go to parks for contact with the natural world.

If the grizzly is to survive, it is imperative that its habitat be preserved. Given the pressures the species is experiencing, though, the fate of this majestic animal is by no means certain.



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Randy Hardy, settlement chairman in 1984, presented the concept to Ernie Sehn, the Lac La Biche School Division Council Chairman. Sehn was committed to decentralization of schools and supported the concept of building a school in Kikino. After two or three years of meetings and planning the project was underway.

Floyd Thompson, current settlement chairman, explains that the concept was not embraced by all the local trustees. Some thought the children would find it difficult to enter

mainstream society after being segregated. Others were concerned that the Kikino members were trying to break away from the School Division.

"But we reassured them that we were happy with the quality of education," explains Thompson. "We just wanted the physical structure to be in our community." "We told them," he adds, "this is the 1980s. We are a modern community. Schooling them in Kikino won't segregate them from Lac La Biche or the mainstream."

The project was approved and the Edmonton-based architects Koliger Schmidt were secured to design the

building. And the result is spectacular. The design was awarded the Canadian Architects Award of Excellence in 1986 and it won top honours at the Council of Educational Facilities Planners in the Fall of 1987.

The school is located on a hill top and overlooks the community. It is easily accessible and has quickly become a centre of activity for 130 students from kindergarten to Grade 6. Bruce Koliger, project manager, explained that the building was designed to meet the needs of the community as an elementary school and a community facility. "As the major build-

ing of its type in the community it is sure to be well utilized."

The building presents itself as a warm and friendly place. A striking bell tower situated on a plaza at the front centre of the building welcomes people, inviting them to gather at the site. The school appears uniquely Native in its structure, with traditional decorative motifs built in. Traditional Metis patterns were used in the brick work of the school, as well as in a wind mill and wind hole.

Floyd Thompson sums up the feelings of the 969 Kikino settlement members "We're proud to have this building in our community."

## SWAN HILLS PLANT CONTROVERSY, Continued from Page 1

of money. And its operating losses are not decreasing."

Kolkman said that the estimated oper-

ating costs of the Centre would be \$25 million, this includes an approximate \$6 million guaranteed profit for BOVAR.

John McInnis, Environment critic for the NDP is bothered by the lack of accountability in the government's dealings with BOVAR. As a joint venture with a private company, government ministers do not have to answer questions in the provincial legislature and critical in-

formation can be withheld.

Bygate did acknowledge some problems at the Centre. The location, for instance, Swan Hills was finally chosen because it was "safe, politically and environmentally, but economically, it's not." Another problem lies in the type of waste coming to the Centre. Oil wastes require high heat for destruction, which gradually damage the new "rocking kiln" incinerators, resulting in costly repairs.

This means an expenditure of about \$50 million.

"All capital expenditures are on a 60/40 ratio," said Bygate.

This means the province would be looking at about another \$30 million for an incinerator to come on line at roughly the same time the Treatment Centre is supposed to start making money for the province and for BOVAR.



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# CBC TO SCREEN FILM FEATURING DONALD MARSHALL STORY

by Dale Stelter

If you missed the third annual World Festival of Aboriginal Motion Pictures in Pincher Creek this past September, you can still catch a screening of the film *Justice Denied* on television.

On November 19, beginning at 8:00 p.m., CBC Television will screen the two-hour feature film based on the story of Donald Marshall, Jr., the Micmac Native who was involved in one of the most controversial and shocking judicial cases in Canadian history.



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The film follows the incompetent handling of the investigation into the murder of Sandy Seale, a black teenager, on May 21, 1971, in Sydney, Nova Scotia. Seale was stabbed in a park, while on his way home from a dance, and his companion, Donald Marshall Jr., was charged with the murder. Marshall was then convicted by an all-white, male jury, and sentenced to life imprisonment at a maximum security prison in Dorchester, New Brunswick.

Eleven years later, after two R.C.M.P. re-investigations, the real murderer, Roy Ebsary, was charged. On March 29, 1982, Donald Marshall was set free.

The entire case was riddled with errors and inconsistencies. Witnesses who were in the park on the night of the murder provided statements that corroborated Donald Marshall's. Key witnesses at the trial provided perjured evidence, and then were found to have changed their stories under duress during the course of the investigation. Several witnesses who knew the identity of the murderer, and who came forward after the trial to tell their stories, were ignored.

In fact, it was Donald Marshall himself who, in 1981, while serving time at Dorchester, stumbled onto evidence that prompted the R.C.M.P. to open the second re-investigation, which uncovered the true identity of the murderer.

*Justice Denied* is written and directed by Paul Down, of the National Film Board, and the screenplay is based on the book *Justice Denied: The Law Versus Donald Marshall*, written by Michael Harris. The film, which was produced by Academy Award winner Adam Symansky, draws on court transcripts from Donald Marshall's original trial, and upon sworn testimony from a Royal Commission inquiry.

The role of Donald Marshall, Jr. is played by Billy Merasty, a Cree Native from the Brochet Reserve in northern Manitoba. Merasty has appeared in the films *Red Earth*, *White Earth* and *The Braves*, and in the plays *New Song... New Dance* (about Native experiences in urban cultures), *The Sage, the Dancer and the Fool*, and Shakespeare's *The Tempest*.

Billy Merasty is also a member of Native Earth Performing Arts Inc., which was founded by his uncle, playwright Thomson Highway and is the only professional Native theatre company in Toronto.

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**PINCHER CREEK FILM FESTIVAL LOOKS TO FUTURE**

by D. Moser  
The town of Pincher Creek was recently the site of the third annual Indian Summer World Festival of

Aboriginal Motion Pictures. Festival events featured special screenings of such noted films as *Pow Wow Highway*, *Where the Spirit Sings* and *War Pony*.

Along with on-demand screenings of some 60 films by or about Native people, were workshops and seminars on screenwriting, acting and other current issues in the field.

Festival organizers expanded the cultural component of this year's event, including a Tipi Camp hosted by the Peigan Nation as an integral part of the festival. Tipis were open for tours and informative cultural workshops and dance exhibits were held daily. A highlight of the cultural program was a pipe-blessing ceremony performed by Joe Crowshoe, spiri-

tual leader of the Peigan nation.

In the festival program, organizers explain the rationale for the Cultural Camp Theme. "Culture is the very thing that makes us who we are. Without our culture we are nothing. We are certainly not Aboriginal film-makers... we are simply people making films."

Aboriginal producers agreed that the cultural aspect of the

Festival is important but stressed that the event as a film festival requires some improvements to attract larger audiences and more aboriginal film-makers.

Suggestions included improved technical equipment, better screening facilities, more screenings for delegates and more attention to documentaries rather than big name-budget features.

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# FRIENDSHIP CENTRE CELEBRATES 20 YEARS

by D. Moser

This autumn marked the 20th Anniversary of the Napi Friendship Association in Pincher Creek, Alberta.

Over the years, says current President Lynne Teneyck, "the major focus of the Association has been towards increasing communication and understanding between Natives and non-Natives while promoting Native interests."

In the late 1960s members of the Peigan Band and residents of the town of Pincher Creek recognized that a common problem existing in towns bordering Indian reservations is a lack of communication. The Napi Friendship Association was created to address this issue and promote a coming together of cultures through various educational and recreational programs.

Landmarks in the Association's 20-year history include:

- the appointment of full time executive



director Peter Cresswell to administer programs put on by the Napi Association;

- the inclusion of court worker responsibilities to the executive director position, primarily to assist Native people in their interactions with the courts and the justice system;
- The opening of

the Napi Friendship Centre as the headquarters of the association.

Today the Napi Friendship Centre is well known for its Napi Pow Wow and Princess Pageant, its Blackfoot language programs, the Oki Basketball Tourney and its Wilderness Camp.

Local dignitaries

have come together to salute the Napi Friendship Association for their 20 years of service, including Mayor Juan Teran, MLA Fred Bradley and J. Short, president of the local Chamber of Commerce. Among them, Chief Leonard Bastien of the Peigan Nations stated "I commend your continuous pursuit of advocating positive, productive relationships between the non-Native and Native communities."

Janet L. Potts, Vice President of the Napi Friendship Association, extended a "special thank you to the founders of Napi who created the idea to promote the understanding of Native and non-Native cultures. After 20 years of service to the communities we are still promoting this idea and bridging the gap for future years."

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## MARY HAD A LITTLE BEAR

by Harold Sigalet

A northern Native lady named Mary likes to tell the story of the pet bear she had when she was a little Indian child. In her own words, here is her story.

"I think I was about four years old. We wuz livin' on the trap line. When dad and uncle Jimmy was huntin', they comes upon black bear and they shoots him. They didn't know she has cubs. Cub up tree so they cut down tree and capture him. Daddy gives me little bear for pet. He makes small tent outside cabin for me and my bear to sleep in. We gets along fine. When mom gives me my milk bottle, I shares it with my bear.

"One time I tease bear with my bottle. I puts bottle to one side then the other so he can't get it. So he stands up on his hind legs and slap me pretty hard. I year rolling and crying out of my tent. Dad comes running. Then he cuts bear's nails so I won't get hurt. My bear lives with me until he gets too big. Then daddy

takes him way out into the mountains where he can be with other bears. Mom says I cry a lot when bear taken away. But I think he is happy with his friends."

Like many of us, Mary wants to believe in a happy ending for her bear. However, Mary's 70-year-old mother is more realistic. When Mary was out of earshot, she confided, "After bear gets too big and hits Mary again, we kills godam thing and eats him!"

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# NISTAWOYOU ASSOCIATION...

## Changing with Fort McMurray

by Deborah Shatz

The Nistawoyou Association Friendship Centre is changing its focus to meet the everchanging community needs in Fort McMurray. Gerry Cuthbert,

Executive Director of the Centre, explains that the original concept of the Friendship Centre was "to assist a migrating Native population" with the requirements of urban life. It involved helping people with such areas as housing, employment and adjusting to a new community. Fort McMurray has had such a transient population that this service has been extremely beneficial.

Though people are still moving in, the city has a large Native community settled in the area. The Friendship Centre has become the "hub of activity" for the community. It provides educational, social and cultural programs aimed at bridging the gaps between the cultures.

Cuthbert describes the centre as a successful venture but says "we have to keep working at it as our population changes." "Our theme," he adds "is people helping people."

The Nistawoyou Friendship Centre offers a wide range of services and programs. These include:

- a drop-in centre;
- short course programs on cultural awareness, Native languages and traditional crafts such as making mukluks or parkas;
- a low-cost hot meal "stew and bannock" program;

- an elder program;
- leadership training and other programs for young adults;
- social interactional programs for the community at large such as feasts and round dances;
- a meeting place for groups and organizations.

The Nistawoyou Friendship Centre has been located at 8310 Manning

centre is involved in a long range plan for expansion. The first year will see the completion of an engineering study. Fund raising will take place in Year 2 and construction could begin in the third year.

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# PROFILE OF A METIS REALTOR

by Deborah Shatz

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Darren is originally from the Yukon. He was born in Dawson City and lived briefly in Mayo before his family moved to Whitehorse where he spent his formative years. He has fond memories of life in the Yukon with his parents and two brothers. His mother is Native and his father is not so he enjoyed the influences of both cultures. Darren graduated from F. H. Collins School and attended Douglas College.

Darren's experience in sales goes back to his early days in the Yukon where he helped his father with a retail store. Even then he enjoyed selling and helped out in the store as much as possible. His father later switched to the field of real estate and Darren got a first-hand feel for the business.

Darren moved to Edmonton in 1988 and viewed his entry into real estate as "a natural progression with his sales orientation."

He attributes his business sense and "much of who I am" to the strong support of his family.

Darren is both physically and mentally motivated, characteristics essential for success in real estate. He works long hours and is available to his customers any time of day. "I find out what each individual wants in a property, then I go out and find it... I do all the legwork to help them obtain what they want."



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Darren has been selling real estate out of the Metro City Realty office in Edmonton for over a year. He enjoys the challenging nature of the business and the freedom it allows to manage his own time and money. "If you want to succeed, you can succeed. It's a great opportunity and there are no limits except those you place on yourself."

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### Breaking the Generational Chain of Addictions

## NATIVE ALCOHOLISM SERVICES "out patient centre"



OUR SYMBOL - The drum symbolizes the circle of life being, sounded out in the message of the drum. Being raised up indicates that we are giving thanks to the Higher Power. The hand holding out the drum symbolizes the message coming from Native Alcoholism Services. The hand also has the drumstick pointing from a circle indicating that it is the Native Alcoholism Services spreading the word.

On the face of the drum we have crossed sacred pipes symbolizing peace together. The crossed sweatgrass pipes represent the Native culture understanding that the power of the universe comes in sets of four, for example: the four directions, four seasons, four colours of man. Sometimes have called the reality by the term "sacredness". We are an outpatient centre for the holistic treatment of alcoholism and its effects on families, started primarily by Native Canadians who have themselves suffered - and survived - the despair of alcoholism. A sharing and caring team who want to help you help yourself.

We offer counselling - individual one-on-one, group, hospital visits, education - films and videos on alcoholism and drug abuse, lectures on alcoholism, drug abuse lifestyle, and behavioral patterns; therapy - mixed group, ladies only, men only; relaxation - relapse prevention in the areas of violence, sexuality, anger and intimacy; help - to detoxify, through centres such as Alpha House and Renfrew Recovery. To rehabilitate, through programs such as Sunrise Residence. To access half-way accommodations such as Serene Old Agency Lodge; referral - to find work through organizations such as Native Outreach.

As of April 1, 1989, we extended our programs to include Youth and Family. The Youth and Family Divisions provide family therapy, one-to-one counselling and group therapy. We have two Preteen groups (3-6 years and 7-12 years). Two adolescent groups and a Single Parents Support group. We also provide Prevention/Education to schools and group homes. Public Forums on relational issues of addiction are presented four times a year at our Centre. Our goal is to intervene on the generational chains of addiction.

We are here to help you - all you need to do is ask!

The office is open from 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday except holidays.

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